

# Professional Staff



**Catherine Moga Bryant** is Executive Director of the NCWorks Commission, the Governor's state workforce board, which leads the statewide workforce system. The 33-member commission brings together government, business, and community leaders from across the state to identify, develop, and recommend policies and strategies to increase collaboration across workforce programs and enable the state's workforce and businesses to compete in the global economy.

Prior to this role she was a Principal Evaluator in the Program Evaluation Division at the North Carolina General Assembly, a non-partisan staff unit of the Legislative Services Commission. Catherine led the Program Evaluation Division's evaluation of the state's workforce system which resulted in legislation that strengthened the workforce development system by streamlining programs, enhancing accountability, strengthening the career center system, and directing agencies to use technology. In addition to the workforce evaluation, Catherine also led projects on state aircraft, community college administration, and public health.

Catherine also worked as Senior Research Associate at the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. At the Rural Center she researched topics including entrepreneurship, globalization, workforce, and business development.

Catherine has a Master's degree in geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

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Executive Director

*The following **key liaisons** are charged with providing strategic planning, research, subject matter expertise, and staff support to the NCWorks Commission and its committees.*

**Annie Izod** joined the NCWorks Commission staff December 2016. She supports the commission by conducting research, program evaluations, and strategic and policy analyses related to workforce and economic development in North Carolina. She is currently a PhD Candidate in Public Administration at NC State University, where her research focus is on program evaluation and performance measurement of networked organizations that work together to deliver public services.



Prior to joining the division, Annie worked for eight years for the US Government Accountability Office as a Senior Policy Analyst working on a variety of issues including workforce development and homeland security. She holds dual bachelor's degrees in English and Political Science and a Master of Public Administration degree from Virginia Tech.

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Commission Staff Lead

**Mical McFarland** joined the NCWorks Commission staff in 2008, providing policy, research, strategic planning, and staff support. He also works closely with the 23 local workforce development boards, serving as Quality Improvement Manager responsible for quality assurance and system improvement efforts to support consistent customer service throughout the state's NCWorks Career Center system.



Mical is a Certified Public Manager® and has a Master's Degree in Political Science from Western Illinois University with a background in economic and community development, serving in municipal government prior to his current role. He is also a former Peace Corps Volunteer having served two years in Moldova where he co-founded a youth development center helping underprivileged youth become contributing members of society.

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**Callie Womble** joined the NCWorks Commission staff in December 2017. She supports the commission by conducting research, managing projects, leading strategic planning efforts, and organizing events and workshops for commission members and partner agencies.



Prior to joining the division, Callie worked in higher education administration for over seven years. She served in the areas of assessment, academic coaching, pre-college and new student programs, underrepresented student recruitment and retention, and student wellness. Callie earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also earned her Ph.D. in Educational Research and Policy Analysis from NC State University, and is the recipient of the 2018 NC State University Higher Education Dissertation of the Year Award.

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**Quantesa Roberts** joined the NCWorks Commission staff in January 2018. She supports the commission by conducting research, managing projects, leading strategic planning efforts, and organizing events and workshops for commission members and partner agencies.

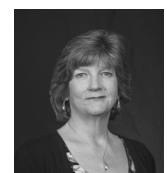


Prior to joining the division, Quantesa worked at RTI International as a Public Health Analyst conducting research evaluations for several federal projects related to Medicare and Medicaid. She has also worked in the areas of policy analysis, budget formulation, public affairs, and grassroots outreach. Quantesa has a Master's degree in Government from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology from Hendrix College.

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**Lynn Hayes** has been with the NCWorks Commission since 2008 supporting the Governance and Strategic Planning Unit and staff to the commission. Her current role is administrative assistant to Catherine Moga Bryant, Executive Director to the NCWorks Commission. She also supports Division Directors, Managers, and staff providing technical assistance with databases, office procedures, records retention, customer service, and many software programs.



Lynn has over 39 years of experience in administrative support and office management. In December, 2016 she earned her Associates Degree in Office Administration from Wake Technical Community College, and holds an Associate in Customer Service designation.

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